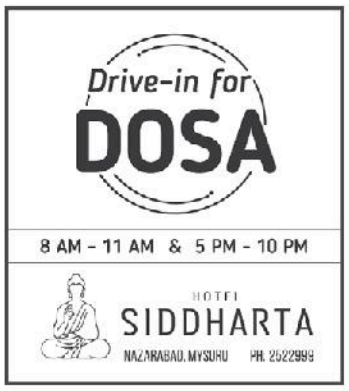

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Cops clamp-lock violating vehicles

Policemen are seen locking the wheels of two-wheelers on D. Devaraj Urs Road in city this morning. These vehicles have more than five pending cases.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&BCT)- The city Police have finally begun a serious crackdown on traffic violators who have more than five pending traffic violation cases. Armed with data on their smartphones, the Police are clamp-locking two-wheelers and four-wheelers at important parking zones.

Under the 'Operation Wheel Lock', main parking places in city like D. Devaraj Urs Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Ashoka Road, Dhanvantri Road and other roads are surveyed by jurisdictional Police teams and the details of all parked vehicles are entered into their Blackberries and hand-held devices.

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One more Mysuru-Hyderabad daily flight from tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&BCT)- Here is some good news for people moving from Mysuru to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Indigo Airlines will recommence their earlier route of Mysuru-Hyderabad from Dec. 28 (tomorrow).

The flight will be launched under Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS) of the Narendra Modi Government.

The Indigo flight that will begin tomorrow is in addition to the existing Alliance Air, a fully owned subsidiary of Air India that is operating daily flights to the City of Pearls.

The Indigo flight too will operate daily between Mysuru and Hyderabad. Flight No. 6E7955 will depart Hyderabad at 8.35 am and arrive at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli at 10.25 am. In the return direction, Flight No. 6E7956 will leave Mysuru at 10.50 am and reach Hyderabad at 12.50 pm.

The existing Alliance Air is operating Flight No. AI 9881 that leaves Hyderabad at 2.35 pm and arrives in Mysuru at 3.30 pm.

(See FLIGHT on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 27th December 2020

e-Mulakat initiative introduced for prisoners

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Following a High Court order, the Department of Prisons has introduced e-Mulakat, an initiative for facilitating prisoners in jails to virtually communicate with their family members and lawyers. The initiative has been introduced in order to prevent the spread of the deadly COVID-19 pandemic by avoiding person to person contact. The initiative enables prisoners to hold video-conference with their family members and lawyers after completing the necessary procedures.

For details, contact Mob: 94808-06429 or 94808-06431, according to a press release from the Mysuru Central Jail Chief Superintendent K.C. Divyahsree.

Samiti submits memorandum to CM seeking development of Folk University

Mysuru, Dec. 27- The city's Janapada Abhivruddhi Samiti, having office on 6th Cross, Janatanagar, submitted a memorandum recently to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa at Bengaluru seeking development of Folk University in Haveri district and Folk Departments in various other Universities and Institutes.

The memorandum contained a 10-point charter prepared by the Samiti Convenor Dr. M. Kannika for the development of Folk University to be incorporated in the forthcoming State Budget.

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) Folk Department faculty D.E. Shivanand, Dr. M.N. Dinesh, Purushotham, Dr. R.P. Chaya, G. Prakash and others were present, according to a press release. For details, contact Mob: 87460-33087.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TASTE OF CHRISTMAS: ***Many years ago I read a remark by actor Kabir Bedi who said that the poetry of Dylan Thomas was like eating Christmas cake, a confection which blends a melody of flavours. I felt that was an apt description both of the poet and of the cake.***

The Christmas season — or 'Borro Din', 'Big Days' as they were called — was a red-letter time in the eclectic milieu of what was Calcutta, where I grew up and which celebrated all festivals with equal enthusiasm, an enthusiasm that was shared by followers of all faiths, including those who subscribed to the atheist religion of Communism. One of the attractions of the Yuletide season which brought together all these disparate groups was a common fondness, amounting to devotion, for Christmas cake.

From the first week of December, the narrow alleys of the New Market — already over 110 years old — would be thronged with shoppers buying the assortment of ingredients which went into the making of the delicacy: Sweet candied fruits, walnuts, raisins, sultanas, butter as golden and heart-warming like winter sunshine, and spices enticing as whispered secrets. Those who could not make their own cakes brought them from Nahoum's, a Jewish confectionary which still specialises in making the birthday cake for the Christian Saviour.

An enthusiastic home chef, Bunny would make what I thought were the best Christmas cakes in the city. She even made a special eggless version for my mother, a sudh shakahari Hindu, who wouldn't eat onions or garlic, but who enjoyed the specially made preparation to the last crumb. After all, Christmas cake was, and is, an ecumenical prasad for everyone.

After we moved to Delhi, hectic work schedules prevented Bunny from the time-consuming rite of baking our own cake. But the one we get from our friend Crescentia stands in as a most agreeable replacement evoking memories of Yuletides past and prospects of those to come. And as we savour its many-flavoured harmony we know once again that the taste of Christmas is the taste of Life itself.

—Jug Suraiya in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Pancake portraits of pop icons and anime characters

Fukushima: A talented chef has gone viral on social media for his pancake portraits inspired by pop culture icons and cartoon characters. Keisuke Inagaki - 51, who describes himself as the "otaku chef" of La Ricetta Restaurant in Zama, Japan, has combined his two biggest passions – cooking and anime – to create his own style of pancake art. The Japanese chef started making cute pancakes in 2011, as a way of lifting the spirits of kids in his home city of Fukushima, after it was devastated by a tsunami.

Keisuke's pancakes are made with ordinary batter mix with no colouring materials, but he does have a secret ingredient: soy milk instead of dairy milk. Apparently, this helps him obtain a whiter pancake dough, to contrast the browned outline of his design. He begins by drawing the outline of his artwork on the pan with a squeeze bottle, cooking it for a few seconds and then gradually adding the rest of the batter.

Giant bread loaves from Vietnamese

An Giang: Believe it or not, the Vietnamese province of An Giang, is less known for its breathtaking natural attractions than for the giant loaves of bread that went viral online. It all started in 2018, when a website published a list of the world's strangest foods, including a giant loaf of bread that was popular in Vietnam's An Giang province. Some claimed that photos of the bread were photoshopped or shot from a certain angle to create the illusion. Vietnamese media started giving the giant loaves a lot of attention and soon the whole world knew about the now famous giant bread of An Giang.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Myth – Shelf-Life of Oil Is Unlimited

Fact – While we keep a track of the expiry date of eatables, we ignore the one of oils. Oil does deteriorate with time. They turn rancid, which is very much evident from the smell and flavour. Do not store oil for too long especially after the expire date mentioned on the label. Keep it in a cool, dark, and dry place.

By Kavya. J - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mysuru

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	62
Total positive cases	:	52,186
Discharges yesterday	:	53
Total discharges	:	50,630
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,008
Total active cases	:	548

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	17
Total positive cases	:	19,341
Total discharges	:	19,026
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	168

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	10
Total positive cases	:	6,731
Total discharges	:	6,500
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	101

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	14
Total positive cases	:	5,675
Total discharges	:	5,529
Total deaths	:	70
Total active cases	:	76

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	16
Total positive cases	:	27,901
Total discharges	:	27,243
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	265

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

WHAT IS THE HEIGHT OF MISUNDERSTANDING?

A man marrying his own Secretary thinking that she will still follow his orders as before!

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.58
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 98.46
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.03
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.78

VOICE OF THE READER

FASTag for 4-wheelers: Clarification needed

Sir,

This is in support of the letter "Toll Plaza-free India: Why make FASTag Mandatory?" by Prof. B.S. Shankara in *Star of Mysore* dated Dec. 21.

Most of the 4-wheeler users may not be using the Toll Plaza and will be using only within city limits. Or some of the 4-wheeler owners may only use the Toll Plaza twice or thrice in a year for which they have to invest minimum Rs. 500 for a FASTag. They can as well pay at the Toll Plaza and move on.

A clarification is needed, suppose FASTag is taken for a particular car and after a few years, the car may be sold, and a new car is bought. Once again do we have to invest Rs. 500 for a FASTag?

Hope the authorities do not make FAStag compulsory for all 4-wheelers and also link the FASTag with the car Insurance.

—Yadav Raghavan
Yadavagiri
24.12.2020

Gita Jayanti Quiz by ISKCON

Mysuru, Dec. 27-As part of its Gita Jayanti festivities, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Mysuru, is conducting a quiz contest based on the teachings of Bhagavad Gita.

Those interested may write the answers on a separate sheet of paper and handover at the Temple book counter or e-mail to: ***"nbd@iskconmysore.org"*** or send it by post before Jan. 6, 2021 to ISKCON, No. 213, 18th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru - 570 014. Results will be announced on Jan. 9, 2021.

Part A - Choose the correct answer

1. In third chapter, Arjuna asks a question to Lord Krishna: By what is one impelled to sinful acts, even unwillingly, as if engaged by force? Krishna's reply is:
   a) Greed b) Lust c) Envy d) Love
2. As described in the fourth chapter, what does the fire of knowledge burn to ashes?
   a) The subtle body b) Only sinful activities
   c) The gross body d) All reactions to material activities
3. In the fifth chapter, what is the example given to illustrate that enlightenment with knowledge destroys nescience?
   a) As the lotus leaf is untouched by water
   b) As the sun lights up everything in day time
   c) As a lamp is steady in a windless place
   d) As air carries aroma
4. In the sixth chapter, what is described as both a friend & an enemy?
   a) Mind b) Intelligence
   c) Sense objects d) False ego
5. As described in the seventh chapter, who among the following does not surrender to Lord Krishna?
   a) The distressed b) The desirer of wealth
   c) Grossly foolish d) The inquisitive
6. As described in the eighth chapter, by human calculation what is the duration of one day of Lord Brahma?
   a) One thousand years b) One million years
   c) Forty-three lakh years d) One thousand millenniums
7. As described in the ninth chapter, a mahatma is a person who takes shelter of:
   a) Divine nature b) Honesty
   c) Great determination d) Knowledge

Part B - Fill in the correct answers

8. As described in the tenth chapter, Lord Krishna says that He destroys the darkness born of ignorance with _____?
   a) Hard work b) Mystic power
   c) Shining lamp of knowledge d) Mental speculation
9. As described in the twelfth chapter, for those whose minds are attached to the unmanifested, advancement is very troublesome because they are _____?
   a) Sentimental b) Embodied
   c) Not equally disposed d) Uncontrolled
10. Explain in about one hundred words the relevance of Bhagavad Gita for the modern age.

JD(S) may part ways with Congress in MCC

Likely to forge alliance with saffron party in forthcoming Mayoral polls

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RK&SSV)- In a changed political scenario, Janata Dal-Secular (JD-S) is likely to end alliance with Congress in the forthcoming Mayoral elections of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and align with the Opposition BJP.

In the election held on Nov. 17, 2018, the Congress sealed an alliance with the JD(S) keeping out BJP from power despite it being the largest party.

Of late, a political slugfest has erupted between former Chief Ministers Siddharamaiah and H.D. Kumaraswamy with the two leaders blaming each other for the collapse of the Congress-JD(S) Coalition Government in Karnataka. The unease that existed between the former alliance partners ever since the fall of the alliance Government in July has now come out in the open now — spats have become ugly — and it may result in JD(S) saying goodbye to Congress.

The ruling JD(S) Corporators are waiting for a word from their party bosses on which party they should go — Congress or BJP.

Mysuru City JD(S) President K.T. Cheluvegowda held a meeting with his party Corporators at Mayor House in Vontikoppal on Friday to collect their opinions in connection with the coming Mayoral polls. K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh, who was supposed to chair the meeting, did not turn up on health grounds.

Later, talking to reporters, Cheluvegowda said that the party High Command would decide on whom the party should have an alliance with the coming Mayoral election. "Opinion of each member has been collected. In the current coalition, a few Congress members are not co-operating and they have insulted Mayor Tasneem who belongs to the JD(S). So far, there is no decision whether to continue alliance with the Congress party or to break ties," he added.

He said another round of meeting would be held under the leadership of MLA Mahesh and opinion of members will be taken again. Then they would convey their feelings to the High Command in turn it would take a final decision after the announcement of date for the elections to Mayor and Deputy Mayor. "We will abide by our party decision."

Mysuru JD(S) President Narasimhaswamy, former Mayor R. Lingappa, former Dy. Mayor V. Shailendra, Block Presidents Manjunath & Ramu, K.V. Mallesh and others were present.

Party position in MCC Council

BJP	22
JD(S)	18
Congress	20
Independent	5
Total	65

'Congress has insulted me'

JD(S) is a secular party. It is true that I am very much pained at the behaviour of a few Congress members and it is true that they have insulted me. But that should not become a yardstick on the alliance in the coming Mayoral polls. However, I am bound by any decision taken by our party bosses."

—Tasneem, Mayor, Mysuru

'Give Mayor's post to BJP for city's sake'

This time, the Mayor's post must be given to the BJP. It is very important to have this post for overall development of city. Any single largest party can extend support to us. Our party is in power in both Centre and State Governments. If our party member becomes the Mayor it will be an added advantage for the city's development. So far, we have not been given the Mayor's post. Previously we had alliance with the JD(S) but we had to be contended with Deputy Mayor's post. We welcome alliance with any party which gives us the Mayor post."

—Pratap Simha, MP, Mysuru-Kodagu

Nominated as Chair-Elect for IEEE Mysore Subsection

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Dr. B.D. Parameshachari, Professor and Head, Department of Telecommunication Engineering, GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, has been nominated as Chair-Elect, for IEEE Mysore Subsection, by Keshav Bapat, IEEE Bangalore Section State Nomination Committee Chair, during the inaugural Function of IEEE Mysore Subsection recently.

Dr. Parameshachari

IEEE Mysore Subsection was inaugurated by Susan K. Land, IEEE President USA 2021 in the presence of Prof. Akinori Nishihara, Director, IEEE Region 10, Maike Luiken, IEEE Vice-President, MGA 2021, Prof. S.N. Singh, Chair-IEEE India Council, Dr. K. Ramakrishna, MGA Chair, MELCC & Vice-Chair, Member Development, Puneet Kumar Mishra, Chair, IEEE Bangalore Section, Dr. Supavadee Aramvith, IEEE R10-Section and Chapter Coordinator, Dr. K.R. Suresh Nair, IEEE India Council, Chair-Elect 2020, Dr. Debabrata Das, IEEE India Council, Chair-Elect 2021.

Dr. Parameshachari is currently serving as Secretary for IEEE Circuits and Systems (CAS) Society, Bangalore Chapter and a Distinguished Speaker of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) which is one of the world's largest educational and scientific computing society.

NEWS BRIEFS

Animal adoption continues at Zoo

The following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee: Dr. Kodira A. Kushalapa IFS (retd.), Mysuru - Great Indian Hornbill (1.1.2021 to 31.12.2021) - Rs. 5,000; H.K. Balasuri, Bengaluru - Indian Muntjac (2.1.2021 to 1.1.2022) - Rs. 5,000; V. Jagadish, Mysuru - Black Panther (19.12.2020 to 18.1.2021) - Rs. 3,000; Namitha Smruthi, Bengaluru - Black Buck (23.12.2020 to 22.12.2021) - Rs. 7,500; Harshitha, Mysuru - Rat Snake (21.12.2020 to 20.12.2021) - Rs. 1,000, according to a press release from the Zoo Executive Director.

Bags prize in Yuvajanotsava

V. Varchas, a 2nd PUC student of Vijaya Vittala Composite PU College, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has bagged first prize in mridanga recital competition at the Mysuru District-level Yuvajanotsava Programme organised by Mysuru District Administration, Zilla Panchayat (ZP) and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES).

Ph.D awardee

Mangalore University has awarded Ph.D in Microbiology to M. Sushma for her thesis 'Studies on Endophytic Bacteria from Selected Medicinal Plants of Biligirirangana Hills' submitted under the guidance of Prof. M. Jayashankar.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	119.25 ft
Yesterday	119.34 ft
Inflow	1,412 cusecs
Outflow	2,544 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.19 ft
Inflow	488 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,819.03 ft
Inflow	215 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

'B.Com graduates and TCH trained persons work as Pourakarmikas'

Karnataka State Safai Karmacharis Commission Chairman M. Shivanna (sitting second from left), along with Dr. V. Munivenkatappa, retired Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture, Dr. Puttasiddaiah, Chairman, Babu Jagjivan Ram Educational Institution and Prof. N. Girigowda, member, Text Book Selection Committee, Department of Public Libraries, was felicitated by Jana Chaitanya Foundation at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city on Friday.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (SPN&SSV)- A B.Com graduate is working as Safai Karmachari in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) and a TCH trained girl is doing the job of Pourakarmika atop Chamundi Hill. This was disclosed by none other than Karnataka State Safai Karmacharis Commission Chairman M. Shivanna.

He was speaking at a felicitation function organised by Jana Chaitanya Foundation at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) here on Friday.

Shivanna said it was a matter of concern that the children of Safai Karmacharis were not getting the Government jobs even seven decades after independence. The sad part was that many educated persons were working as Pourakarmikas just because they are Government jobs. "Recently, I had been to BBMP for inspection. At that time, I came across a Safai Karmachari lady saying thank you to her friend over a mobile phone. Out of curiosity, I spoke to her and was shocked when she told that she is a B.Com graduate. I questioned myself that in which system we are living as the children of Safai Karmacharis are not getting the Government job."

He said during his visit to Chamundi Hill, he came across another Pourakarmika who had finished her TCH training. She chose this job as she could not get teacher job in Education Department. Still there are many graduates and double graduates who are working as Pourakarmikas for job security. However, they were not seen in the eyes of society, he said.

Despite the world witnessing new technological innovations, the system of carrying night soil on head was still prevailing in the country. It was still in practice despite the State Government passing an order banning this long ago. The previous Chairman of the Commission, Narayana, had done a wonderful job and all pending works would be completed. Problems of the Commission would be discussed with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa for solution, he added.

Dr. S. Ranganathaiah, Chairman, Goutam Co-operative Hospital, Medical Education and Research Centre, Narayana, former Chairman, Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission, G.H. Sriranga, Honorary President, Ramakrishna Sports and Cultural Centre, Narayanagowda, retired Chief Manager, Union Bank of India, R. Laxman, Chairman, Jana Chaitanya Foundation and N. Lokesh of Bhavana Cultural Centre were present.

Commissioner of Railway Safety inspects Double Line Track

Mysuru, Dec. 27- A.K. Rai, Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Southern Circle, Bengaluru, conducted statutory inspection of newly-laid double line between Harihar and Devaragudda Stations (31-km) on Dec. 23 and 24. Curves, Points and Crossings, Level Crossing Gates, Major and Minor Bridges in this section were checked during the inspection.

The CRS first conducted Motor trolley inspection of track between Harihar and Ranebennur on Wednesday and did detailed checks at Major Important Bridge No. 90, Minor Bridge No. 77 & 89, Road over Bridge No. 85 A, Level Crossing gate No. 214, Road Under Bridges No. 77 A, 73 A on the section. At Chalageri Station, safety related Signalling works and passenger amenity works were inspected. The inspection concluded at Ranebennur on the first day.

On Dec. 24 morning, CRS inspected the Ranebennur Station and passenger amenity facilities for the Rail users. Motor trolley inspection started from Ranebennur Station and was conducted up to Devaragudda Station. During inspection, level crossing gates No. 219 and curves, points and crossings were done. Speed trial at 125 KMPH was later conducted between Devaragudda and Chalageri. The run was observed to be smooth and passed water glass challenge.

Salient features of Harihar - Devaragudda Section

1. One additional Loop line, and 1 additional stabling line and 2 full length shunting necks are added in Harihar yard. Major yard remodelling work is done in Harihar yard spanning a length of 2.5 km length. Total- 46 points will be inserted in yard remodelling.

2. Two additional running lines were added in Devargudda and one additional line each at Kumarapatnam, Chalageri and Ranebennur have also been added as a part of this doubling.

3. Two new High Level Island Platforms in Chalageri yard of 450 m length each and 2 no. HL end PF of each 540 m length at Devaragudda yard has been constructed. PF extension/ Widening of 170 m length of two PFs in Harihar, one PF of 120 m length in Chalageri, and two PFs of 100 m each in Ranebennur. Trolley path at both side of PF have been paved with concrete for way movement of trolleys/ wheel chairs.

4. Four Level crossing gates are to be closed after construction of ROB / RUB work in the section. LC-208 and 213 have already been closed by construction of ROB, LC-219 and 221 have been closed by construction of RUB. Two new RUBs at 77 and 82 were also constructed responding to public demand as a part of doubling.

5. The total cost of Project is Rs. 298 crore.

6. One important Bridge of 16 span was constructed on Tungabhadra river.

K.C. Swami, CAO/CN, Rahul Agarwal, Divisional Railway Manager of Mysuru Division, Narayan Rao, CE/CN/N accompanied CRS for Inspection. Srinivas, Dy.CRS and Shantiram, CSTE/CN were part of inspection team, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr. PRO.

Minions of British have become heroes: TN BJP Vice-President

Annamalai releases book on Kuyili, an actual hero

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (SBD&SSV)- Tamil Nadu BJP Vice-President Annamalai Kuppuswamy was in city last evening to release a Kannada book 'Benkiya Chendu Kuyili' written by noted advocate O. Sham Bhat.

Annamalai is a 2011-batch IPS officer who resigned from service last year and took the political plunge. Before resigning, he was the Superintendent of Police of Udupi and Chikkamagalurudistricts and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru South.

The book release event was organised by Samajika Nyaya Vedike and Sri Chamundeshwari Geleyara Pragathipara Seva Pratishthana at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall. Addressing the gathering, Annamalai regretted that those who supported the British and their minions have become national heroes as the British distorted Indian History.

Annamalai said the British twisted history because of which Kuyili, a great warrior and an army commander of Queen Velu Nachiyar of Sivagangain Tamil Nadu had been totally ignored. "Those who danced to the tunes of British were incorporated in text books as great leaders. It is a shame on the part of Dravidian politics of Tamil Nadu to hide facts about great warriors," he said.

Heaping praises on Sham Bhat for authoring the book and highlighting a true hero, the former IPS officer said that Sham Bhat toured extensively in 38 villages of Tamil Nadu, picked up details of 240-year-old history and brought out in the form of a book. This could be possible for only those who have grace of God and dedication. It is more meaningful that the book release function is taking place in Mysuru, a city with rich cultural heritage, he opined.

K. Annamalai (third from right), Vice-President, Tamil Nadu State BJP Unit and former IPS Officer, is seen releasing the book 'Benkiya Chendu Kuyili' written by noted advocate O. Sham Bhat (second from right) at Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall in Mysuru yesterday as Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar, Chairman, Karnataka Sahitya Academy, A. Narayanaswamy, MP of Chitradurga and others look on.

Who is Kuyili?

Annamalai said historians say that the first rebellion took place in 1857 but queen Velu Nachiyar of Sivaganga Fort had fought against the British from 1750-1800. She was fluent not only in Tamil language but also in French, Urdu and English.

"Her commander, Kuyili got to know about a plot by Arundatiyar community to kill the queen. At that time, she was hardly 16 years old and she had killer her own guru for colluding with the British to finish off Velu Nachiyar. After coming to know about this, Kuyili was made her personal bodyguard and Kuyili went on to become the army commander," Annamalai said.

"The British had an armoury next to Rajarajeshwari Temple in Sivaganga. For this reason, they had allowed only women on the day of Vijaya Dashami in 1780. Kuyili, on the last day of Navaratri, dressed as an elderly lady and went to the temple with a few friends. She poured ghee kept for puja, sets herself with fire and jumped on the armoury. The entire armoury was reduced to ashes due to her immolation. So the British army lost the war against Velu Nachiyar. This has been termed as the first victory against British and also as India's first rebellion," he explained.

Politicians instigating farmers

Diverting from history, Annamalai said that farmers protesting in New Delhi are being instigated by some political parties. "Narendra Modi government has implemented three farm laws for the welfare of farming community. There was no confusion whatsoever in these laws. However, some political forces have instigated farmers to protest. By doing this, vested interests were creating a kind of confrontation between farmers and common people. "Agitation against the Centre is held once in six months. It started with demonetisation, followed by CAA, NRC and now farm laws. Another protest in the next six months cannot be ruled out," he added.

Chitradurga MP A. Narayanaswamy, Chairman, Karnataka Sahitya AcademyDr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar and book author advocate O. Sham Bhat were present.

Temple for Amruthayya Nayak

As SP of Udupi and Chikkamagaluru, I was going to my favourite temple of Amruteshwara near Kadur. Upon talking with elders, I came to know that this temple had been built by a king in memory of Amruthayya Nayak, a brave soldier. Like Kuyili, we can find forgotten heroes like Amruthayya Nayak but they need to be identified and recorded. I will get the book 'Benkiya Chendu Kuyili' translated into Tamil language and motivate younger generation.

—K. Annamalai, Vice-President, BJP-Tamil Nadu

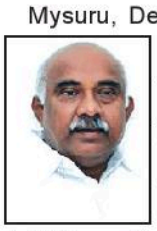
Sham Bhat must get the credit

It was Kuyili who became a martyr by ending social stigmas like slavery and untouchability in the society. In 1772, British army waged a war against Sivaganga and killedqueen Velu Nachiyar'shusband and daughter Gowri Nachiyar. Unperturbed by this, Velu Nachiyar built a women's army and appointed Kuyili as the commander. The credit of introducing Kuyili to the society goes to Sham Bhat.

—Dr. B.V. Vasanth Kumar, Chairman, Karnataka Sahitya Academy

Inclusion in ST list demand: Kuruba Community leaders to meet in city on Dec. 29

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (PM&DM)- BJP MLC and former Minister A.H. Vishwanath said that Kuruba community leaders from Mysuru region (Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu districts) will meet in the city on Dec. 29 to finalise the course of action to press the Government for inclusion of the community in the Scheduled Tribe (ST) list.



A.H.Vishwanath

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan here this morning, Vishwanath said that the meeting will take place under the aegis of Kuruba ST Horata Samiti at Kanaka Bhavan in Siddarthanagar at 11 am on Dec.29.

Maintaining that the Kuruba ST Movement is also intended at bringing other deserving backward and micro-communities too under ST list, the MLC said that Kuruba community will seek the support of upper castes too for fulfilment of their (Kurubas) demand. Urging the Government to conduct ethnological and Geneological studies on the backwardness of the community, he said that the State should send a strong recommendation to the Centre for including Kuruba community in the ST list.

Replying to a question, Vishwanath said that Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah too was part of the ST demand and the former CM had attended a meeting of the community held in this regard at Bengaluru recently.

Replying to a query on alleged RSS link to Kuruba ST campaign, Vishwanath said that the community was seeking the support of every organisation and RSS is one among them.

Pointing out that RSS is not an anti-national organisation nor a banned organisation, he said that the pressure of the people works in a Democracy and the community has started a movement to press for fulfilment of ST demand, which is fair considering the backwardness of the community across the country.

Former Mayor B.L. Bhyrappa, Kuruba ST Horata Samiti office-bearers Annegowda,Srinivas and others were present.

Two burglars arrested; Jewellery worth Rs. 2.13 lakh recovered

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (SPN&DM)- The Lashkar Police, who arrested two house burglars, have recovered gold jewellery and silver articles worth Rs. 2.13 lakh stolen by them.

The arrested have been identified as Nandan Kumar alias Jaani, 22, of Veeranagere in Lashkar Mohalla and R. Karthik, 27, of Lourde Nagar in the city.

The Police picked up the two when they were found trying to sell gold jewellery at a shop located on Ashoka Road on Dec. 26. During interrogation, the accused confessed to have broken into the house of one Rekha at Veeranagere on the night of Nov. 3 and had decamped with jewels, following which stolen gold jewellery (40 gm) and silver articles (220 gm), totally worth about Rs. 2.13 lakh, were recovered from them.

The nabbing and seizure operation was carried out by Lashkar Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar, PSIs Dhanalakshmi and Gautam Gowda and staff under the guidance of DCP Geetha Prasanna and ACP Shashidhar.

Kuppanna Park

now a film shoot locale

Government approves proposal to make **'Nishad Bagh'** a preferred place for film, serial and pre-wedding shoots; Fee ranges from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 25,000 per day

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Locations play a very vital role in movies. They always provide the much-needed effect and edge to any given scene. Mysuru being one of the most historical and scenic places in Karnataka, provides the Kannada film industry with some beautiful locations to shoot. There are more than 250 film shoot locations in and around Mysuru and there is one more in the heart of the city — Kuppanna Park. Kuppanna Park at Nazarabad, the most photographed spot in Mysuru during the Annual Dasara Flower Show, is all set to become a place for film shooting and also a chosen destination for pre-wedding shoots.

Following the establishment of an attractive Glass House and seeing people crowding the Park during weekends, Minister for Horticulture, Sericulture and Municipal Administration K.C. Narayanagowda had mooted the idea of developing the 12-acre Park as a tourist hotspot throughout the year. He had asked the Horticulture Department officials to work towards round-the-year activities.

Accordingly, the officials sent a proposal to the Government and have got a green signal from the State for different activities including film shooting, pre-wedding and post-wedding photo shoots, flower shows from time to time, training programmes on horticulture, floriculture and topiary. Of course, shooting inside the Park will not come free as money will be charged as per the requirement and demand.

Also called Nishad Bagh, Kuppanna Park is located in the heart of the city which is a five-minute walk from the Mysore Palace. But for the Annual Dasara Flower Show, no activity except morning and evening walk is held at the Park. Of the 365 days, there would be activity only for over 40 days with the main attraction Dasara Flower Show being held for over 12 days.

GLASS HOUSE AND ROSE GARDEN

The centre of attraction inside Kuppanna Park is a vast Glass House built in Indo-Saracenic style and Mysuru style. It stands 1.5 metres above the ground and spans 2,419 square metres including corridor and is round in shape with a diameter of 36 metres and has four entry points. It has a dome that is 18-metre wide and can be an ideal place for film shooting and pre-wedding shooting.

Apart from the Glass House, the Park is home for a topiary garden, rock garden and a pergola. A rose garden has come up next to the gate that is near Urs Boarding School in an area of 400 metres. Already over 80 rose plants that will flower in different colours have been brought from Bengaluru, Horticulture Deputy Director Rudresh and Assistant Director Naveen said.

MUSICAL FOUNTAIN

The weekend musical fountain at Kuppanna Park had become an instant hit among tourists. Due to COVID-19, the musical fountain was stopped to avoid building up of crowds. Earlier, tourists used to visit Brindavan Gardens at Krishna Raja Sagar Dam to watch the musical fountain. With Kuppanna Park starting a similar show, it was a crowd-puller.

The fountain danced to eight songs, including Kannada and Hindi, during the 20-minute show. "We will bring back the musical fountain in the coming days and make it more attractive. People who come to Palace can admire its beauty and unwind at Kuppanna Park seeing the dancing illuminated water," Rudresh said.

ENTRY FEE

- Adults - Rs. 20
- Children - Rs. 10

PARKING FEE

- Bikes - Rs. 10
- Cars, autos - Rs. 20

FILM, PRE-WEDDING SHOOT FEE

Pre-wedding photo & video shoot	Rs. 10,000 per day
Film shooting	Rs. 25,000 per day
TV serial, short movies shooting	Rs. 10,000 per day
Drone shooting	Rs. 5,000
Workshops, programmes, seminars	Rs. 5,000

Those intending for a photo shoot can contact Naveen, Asst. Director, Horticulture, on Mob: 78993-33382

Children's play area at Kuppanna Park. Picture right shows a worker cleaning the musical fountain at the Park.

Brisk polling in second phase of GP polls

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (RKB&DM)- Polling for a total of 102 Gram Panchayats in the three Taluks of Mysuru district- Mysuru, Nanjangud and T.Narasipur, began this morning at 7am amid tight police security and as COVID 19- protocol issued by the Government.

The voting in these three Taluks was held in the second phase today, while five other Taluks of the district had gone to the polls in the first phase on Dec.22. The GP polls are held without use of party symbols.

Although voting began on a moderate note in the early hours of polling, it gained momentum as hours passed by with people standing in long queues outside polling booths. The poll authorities ensured compliance of COVID-precautionary and safety measures such as thermal screening, wearing of face masks and maintenance of physical distance. Also hand sanitiser bottles were placed at the entrance of all booths for use by voters.

The 102 GPs that went to the polls today included 23 in Mysuru taluk, 43 in Nanjangud taluk and 36 in T.Narasipur taluk. According to preliminary reports, polling is going on peacefully across the three Taluks with no reports of untoward incidents reported from anywhere.

The 23 GP is Mysuru Taluk are- Gunghral Chhatra, Anandur, Nagawala, Naganahalli, Harohalli-Mellahalli, Vajamangala, Varakodu, Yadakola, Keelanapura, Varuna, Mosambayyanahalli, Someshwarapura, Sindhuvalli, Doora, Marballi, Jayapura, Harohalli-Jayapura, Dhanagalli, Udbur, Doddamaragowdanahalli (DMG Halli), Gopalapura, Siddalingapura and Chamundi Hill.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T.Devegowda and his wife Lalitha Devegowda cast their ballots at a polling booth in his native village Gunghral Chhatra. Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah cast his ballot at his native village Siddharamanahundi coming under Yadakola GP.

The voting is being held for electing members for 475 seats in 23 GPs of Mysuru taluk, 781 seats in 43 GPs of Nanjangud taluk and 577 seats in 36 GPs of T.Narasipur taluk. A total of 6,30,488 voters are eligible to exercise their franchise in this election which is taking place with ballot papers.

Five other Taluks of the district- Hunsur, Periyapatna, K.R.Nagar, H.D.Kote and Saragur had gone to the polls in the first phase of GP elections held on Dec.22. The counting of votes for both the phases will be taken up on Dec.30.

One more Mysuru-Hyderabad daily flight from tomorrow

Airports Authority of India

MYSURU AIRPORT

EXISTING FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Mysuru-Bengaluru, Goa, Cochin, Mangaluru & Hyderabad [ALLIANCE AIR]

All days

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
AI 9881	Hyderabad	14:35	Mysuru	15:30
AI 9881	Mysuru	16:00	Goa	17:30
AI 9882	Goa	18:00	Mysuru	19:30
AI 9882	Mysuru	20:00	Hyderabad	22:00
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday				
AI 9531	Bengaluru	6:55	Mysuru	7:55
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AI 9532	Cochin	9:50	Mysuru	10:50
AI 9532	Mysuru	11:20	Mangaluru	12:30
AI 9533	Mangaluru	12:55	Mysuru	13:55
AI 9533	Mysuru	14:20	Bengaluru	15:20
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Tuesday				
AI 9531	Bengaluru	10:00	Mysuru	11:00
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AI 9534	Mysuru	14:30	Bengaluru	15:30

Mysuru -Chennai & Belagavi [TRUJET AIRLINE]

All days

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
2T-537	Chennai	15:25	Mysuru	16:40
2T-544	Mysuru	17:00	Chennai	18:35
2T-543	Belagavi	19:00	Mysuru	20:10
2T-538	Mysuru	20:30	Belagavi	21:50

Hyerabad-Mysuru-Hyerabad [INDIGO]

All days w.e.f 28th December, 2020

Flight No.	Departure	Time (IST)	Arrival	Time (IST)
6E 7955	Hyderabad	8:35	Mysuru	10:25
6E 7956	Mysuru	10:50	Hyderabad	12:50

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In the return journey, AI 9882 leaves Mysuru at 8 pm and arrives at Hyderabad at 10 pm. *(See table for a detailed schedule of all flights from Mysuru).*

Airport sources say that officials of Indigo had come to Mysuru a few times earlier to assess the feasibility of flying their airlines between the two cities. Seeing that there is a huge demand for additional flights, the officials have decided to start daily operations from Mysuru to Hyderabad.

There is a large population of people who are the natives of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in Mysuru. The Alliance Air and Indigo Airlines will benefit them and it will also help the business community fly between the two cities. IT giant Infosys has campuses in Mysuru and Hyderabad and the two flights will increase their convenience, say industry stakeholders.

With the latest service to Hyderabad, people can fly out of Mysuru to cities like Goa, Bengaluru, Kochi, Mangaluru, Chennai and Belagavi. Stakeholders say that the pace at which the airport was growing under the RCS-UDAN scheme was benefiting the people of the city as also the tourists besides those from the surrounding regions.

A heartening factor is that all flights all the flights have an occupancy rate of more than 75 percent to 80 percent which, by airline parameters, is reckoned to be extremely good.

Cops clamp-lock violating vehicles

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If the vehicle has violated traffic rules, the details are shown in the devices and if the vehicle has violated rules more than five times, the wheels are locked. Teams of Policemen locking the vehicles were found in Central Business District this morning.

Each team comprises an ASI or a Sub-Inspector, a Constable and a home guard. While the constable reads the vehicle number, the ASI enters the details in the Blackberry. If there are more than five violations, the home guard is asked to lock the wheels. These teams are supported by PCR and Garuda vehicles that go on patrolling around the city.

"The lock is removed only if the vehicle owner pays on-the-spot fine and clears at least 50 percent of the fine amount with a promise that he will pay the fine in a day or two. Otherwise, we will take the vehicle to the Police Station and the vehicle will not be released unless the full fine amount for all the fines is paid," a Police officer told *Star of Mysore*.

Vehicle wheels are locked only if violations cross five times. "If there are one or two violations, we will paste a notice on the seat asking the vehicle owner to come to the jurisdictional Police Station to pay the fine," he added.

The information regarding violations is collated at the Centralised Automated Command Centre located at City Police Commissioner's Office. Violations are caught in CCTV cameras put up across the city. The data is collated and fed into all the Blackberry and hand-held devices and all the Police staff across all Police stations holding such devices can access the information.

When the Police enters the vehicle's registration number on their Blackberry device, the device shows the previous traffic offences committed by the vehicle owner such as moving on a one-way, helmetless riding, signal jumping, not wearing seat belt, talking over phone while driving, etc. for which they had not paid the fines. Now they have to pay the fines for the previous traffic violations along with the present one to get the vehicle released.

The operation will not be limited to main parking areas in city but will also be spread across other areas. "Most violators think that they will not be caught after violation. We are locking the wheels of violating cars and jeeps too. This is an only way we can bring the offenders to book. We have chosen a Sunday because generally people come for shopping on main roads," a Police officer said.

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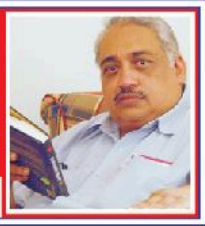
Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Time for a little more patience !

For the past nine months, we have all experienced and even endured life under the shadow of the COVID-19 threat. And, I would say that we have endured it admirably well and have even learnt to carry on with our lives, treating it as a new kind of learning experience. Yes, we have learnt a good many lessons from it.

For instance, we have learnt that it is not absolutely necessary for every one of us to be present at our workplaces except for those doing some kind of physical work. In discovering this, we have also realised that it was perhaps not really necessary to build our gargantuan software parks all over the globe at such astronomical costs. We have seen that more than ninety percent of our software workforce is able to work from home, admirably well.

Many of our software professionals who have to frequently present themselves smartly at many virtual interactions and meetings have come to realise, a little painfully, that all the expensive suits they burnt their money on were not necessary at all. **I say this because they could have managed to save almost half the cost of their suits by going in just for the jackets. Yes, that is what is seen of them in at all their virtual meetings now and it does not matter at all what they wear or even do not wear below their waistlines!**

I am not joking but the truth is that many of them whom I know very well, have told me that they work in their pyjamas or even shorts after ensuring that they wear a different jacket and tie for every new meeting!

With this being the case, expensive shoes too are now completely out of their shopping baskets. Below the line of sight of their laptop cameras as some of them could very well be cutting vegetables or kneading dough to facilitate the running of their households!

We have all learnt that we can enjoy the same restaurant food that we used to relish so much, now far from the maddening crowd, in the safety and tranquillity of our own homes or work places. And, we have come to realise that it can in fact be a more relaxing and enjoyable experience too!

A little bit of the very pleasurable slurping or finger licking too that would be anathema elsewhere becomes completely invisible and thus permissible now!

Coming to the innumerable marriages we used to attend with no excuses to avoid them, COVID-19 I can say has come as a saviour to all of us. Now when I comfortably decline an invitation to a marriage at the invitation stage itself, I feel a wave of relief coming over me and I also see a wave of relief spreading across the faces of all those who come to extend the invitations. **Even before I tell them that I might perhaps try to be present, just to bless the couple, without staying for the dinner, they quickly tell me that it would have been better if I could have been there for the whole feast but they can understand my hesitation. Before I can dare to change my mind, they quickly add that I can bless the couple from my home itself which simply means that I really need not come!**

But frankly speaking, attending weddings, especially the lavish ones that we see these days and which have become the rule rather than the exception, is a real pain for me. Nothing looks real there except the expense because that is the only thing that cannot be faked. **At any wedding, even the most unhappy people have to look happy with fake smiles. Poor people have to look rich, either in fake or even borrowed finery. The envious and even the jealous have to look pleased and mouth fake platitudes. The bride and the groom have to look ecstatic and smile all through the many stages of the event, although they may be deeply anxious deep inside. That is unless the wedding happens to be something that is actually happening despite the strong opposition they initially had from their families!**

Keeping humour aside and coming to terms with reality, the COVID-19 crisis which is certainly not over, although it now seems to be much subdued, has made us stronger and more resilient human beings. But I am not very sure whether it has made us any better or more humane. We have all come to understand that most of the precautions that we all took, helped us to avoid getting infected and they also helped all those who did get infected to survive the infection.

Medical personnel discovered that they too learnt many valuable lessons on how to treat the infection best. That is why we saw much better treatment outcomes in all those who caught the bug later as compared to those who caught it when it first came. And, thankfully, despite the absence of a definitive cure, more patients are going home in better shape these days, which suggests that we are continuing to learn with each passing day.

On one hand the mood is upbeat that a few vaccines are on hand while there is also anxiety that a new and more virulent variant of the bug has emerged. While no one, not even the manufacturers, are able to say with certainty whether their vaccines can win the war completely, those fearful of the new strain are unable to say whether it is going to prove to be the vaccine's undoing.

As a medical professional without my fingers in the pie, what I would like to say is that it is better to keep our fingers crossed still and continue to exercise caution for some more time. And that time can be anywhere from a few months to a couple of years. Let us not lose heart or hope. The significant fall in the number of cases that we are seeing across the globe suggests that the virus is becoming less nasty or our own immunity is gaining greater strength due to sub-clinical infection which is also a kind of natural immunisation, no less potent than any vaccination programme.

But prevention is still the key and the slightest complacence here can be very costly. So, let us be a little more patient and not become overly eager to get back to our pre-COVID era of flocking, congregating and throwing caution to the winds! It is certainly not time for that yet!

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Banned notes worth Rs. 97,000 found in Temple Hundi

In last two months, the Temple has received Rs. 1,98,47,290 cash, 77 grams of gold, 5.7 kg silver and 16 foreign currency

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Prime Minister Narendra Modi banned the currencies Rs. 500 and Rs.1,000 denomination four years ago. But these 'out of circulation' notes are still being dropped into temple *'Hundi'* (offering box) with hopes of banks exchanging these notes with the valid currency. Staff of Srikanteshwara Temple in Nanjangud was shocked when they found banned currencies worth Rs. 97,000 in *Hundi*. As many as 12 notes of Rs. 1,000 denomination and 170 notes of Rs. 500 denomination were found.

The offering boxes were opened in the presence of Harsha, Senior Officer, Bank of Baroda and Venkatesh Prasad, Executive Officer, Nanjundeshwara Temple, on Friday. As many as 200 Self Help Group members and 50 temple staff participated in counting.

In October, the temple had received Rs. 73,09,620 as offering and now the collection has gone up to Rs. 1.98 crore, an increase of 250 percent. Nanjangud is famous as 'Dakshina Kashi' and lakhs of visitors throng this temple town every year.

Sample of Britain-returned person sent to lab for new Corona strain testing

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (PM&DM)- Stating that one passenger, who arrived in Mysuru from Britain recently, has tested positive for the deadly COVID-19 virus, DC Rohini Sindhuri said that lab samples of the passenger has been sent to National Institute of Virology in NIMHANS Hospital premises in Bengaluru for Genome Sequencing testing to check whether it carries the new strain of the deadly virus.

Speaking to press persons at Maharani's College for Women where mustering was held for the second phase of Gram Panchayat polls yesterday, Rohini said that the passenger had arrived in Mysuru from Britain on Dec. 14. The passenger is found to have three primary contacts and three secondary contacts and all of them were tested for the virus. But only one among them has tested positive and it is not immediately known whether the sample carried the new strain. However, the sample has been sent to the Bengaluru Lab and the result is expected to come on Monday, she said and added that the people need not get unduly worried about that.

Pointing out that 137 persons had returned from Britain to Mysuru recently, the DC said that barring 23 of them, all others were tested for COVID-19. These 23 persons had said that they got themselves tested before. However, as a precautionary measure, they will be tested once again for the virus, she said.

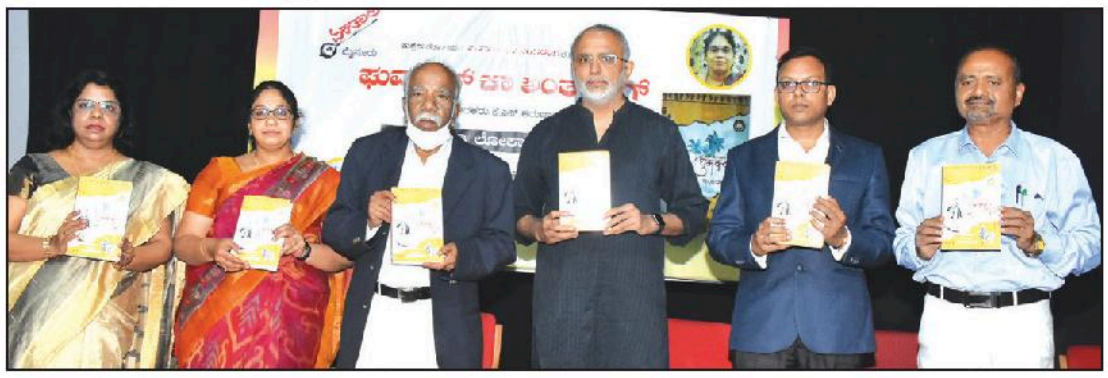
Stray dog menace: MCC clarifies

Mysuru, Dec. 27- In response to the publication of the letter titled *"Stray dog menace in residential areas"* in *SOM* dated Dec. 13, the MCC Veterinary Officer has clarified as follows:

"Mysuru City Corporation is conducting Animal Birth Control (ABC) Programme to control dog menace in city. A Squad has been constituted to capture and release the dogs after sterilisation. This programme has been outsourced to ROTA, an NGO situated at Roopanagar, Mysuru. As per the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001, one is not supposed to kill or relocate the dogs. Hence, the Corporation has adopted ABC programme to control dog menace, which is existing throughout the country."

For dog menace, public may register complaint in MCC Control Room by calling Ph: 0821-2418800 or 2440890, he said.

'Migrants suffered the most during COVID lockdown'



Senior journalist and former Editor-in-Chief of Outlook magazine Krishna Prasad (third from right) releasing the book 'Ghumakkad Ka Antarang,' the Hindi version of author Kuppe Nagaraj's Kannada work 'Alemariya Antaranga,' at a programme organised at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MTY&DM)- Maintaining that India saw the biggest migration within the country post independence during the recent COVID-19 induced nationwide lockdown, senior journalist and former Editor-in-Chief of *Outlook* magazine Krishna Prasad said that it is the migrant population that suffered the most during the lockdown.

He was speaking after releasing the book 'Ghumakkad Ka Antarang,' the Hindi version of author Kuppe Nagaraj's Kannada work 'Alemariya Antaranga,' at a programme organised at Sriranga auditorium in Rangayana premises here yesterday.

Pointing out that as per the 2011 census, there are 5.5 crore migrants in the country, Krishna Prasad said that the book explains the plight of migrants and communities in a lucid manner.

Noting that he happened to personally understand the hardships faced by the migrant tribal population when he was in Delhi, he reiterated that the migrants, communities and the population saw their worst crisis during the recent lockdown, with many of them losing their lives on their way back home due to various reasons.

K.S. Karunalakshmi, an Associate Hindi Professor at Hunsur's D. Devaraj Urs First Grade College, who has translated the Kannada book to Hindi, said that she happened to see writer Kuppe Nagaraj's work by chance.

Pointing out that the book made an interesting reading for her, she said that the book details the plight of migrant communities, especially, Dombidasas, in a most interesting manner.

Noting that Dombidasas, who play different roles on stage, lead a difficult life practically, she said that the work is a wonderful expression of the sufferings of migrant communities, who don different roles on stages for leading life.

Highlighting what made her to translate the Kannada work to Hindi, Karunalakshmi said that the work is most useful for understanding tribal traditions, customs and practices.

Renowned writer Devanur Mahadeva was handed over the first copy of the Hindi book.

Dr. Pratibha Mudaliar, Head of the Department of Studies in Hindi, University of Mysore, Dr. Sarvesh Kumar Maurya, Faculty, Regional Institute of Education, Mysuru, Kuppe Nagaraj, Author of Kannada work 'Alemariya Antaranga' and others were present.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

Man goes missing

Naveen Raj

Mysuru, Dec. 27- Adding to the long list of persons going missing from the city, a 38-year old man has gone missing from Saraswathipuram Police Station limits since Dec. 19.

Naveen Raj, son of C. Linganna, a resident of MMG Layout of BEML Nagar in Rajarajeshwarinagar Second Stage, who left his house on the morning of Dec. 19 saying that he was going for work, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged by his mother at Saraswathipuram Police Station.

The missing Naveen Raj is 6.1 ft. in height, sturdily built, round faced and speaks Kannada. He has the tattoo of a bird's feather on his right hand, tattoo of a dog's head on his left hand and a tattoo of Lord Ganapati's face on his right shoulder.

Persons coming across any clues about the said missing person, can contact Saraswathipuram Police on Ph: 0821- 2418123 or 2418323 or 2418339.

Mandi Police hold Corona awareness campaign

Mysuru, Dec. 27 (MK&KS)- Mandi Police, on Wednesday, conducted a campaign to create awareness on Coronavirus at Mission Hospital Circle in city.

Speaking after inaugurating the campaign, city's CJM Court and Third Additional Civil Judge K. Vidya said that positive thinking along with being brave could cure a Coronavirus-infected patient and added that by wearing face masks, using sanitiser and maintaining social distance, one could keep the virus at bay and also prevent it from spreading.

Continuing, the Judge said that youths should be aware of Traffic rules and should not indulge in signal jumping and helmetless riding as it not only endanger the lives of others but to oneself also.

Narasimharaja (NR) Sub-Division ACP Shivashankar, who also spoke, said that there are many people who think that laws are meant only for the Police and not to them. Many say that they are wearing face masks and helmets just because the Police impose fine on them, he said and added that this type of mentality should go as laws are framed for their protection. Police will be forced to impose penalties for violating the rules, he added.

Free masks and sanitisers were distributed to the public on the occasion. Mandi Inspector Narayanaswamy, former Corporator Suhail Baig and others were present.

Kamakshi Hospital distributes jackets to Police personnel

In recognition of the tireless service rendered by the Police personnel amidst COVID-19 pandemic and the chilling cold, the Management of Kamakshi Hospitals represented by its Managing Trustee Dr. M. Mahesh Shenoy donated 100 jackets to the staff of Saraswathipuram Police Station in city recently. On behalf of the Hospital, MLA L. Nagendra and MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev are seen handing over a jacket to Probationary Sub-Inspector of Police Keerthi as KR Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, Dr. Mahesh Shenoy and Hospital General Manager Prasanna Kumar look on. Hospital Administrator Dr. K.R. Kamath, Police Inspector C. Thimmaraju and staff of Saraswathipuram Police Station were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Sugarplum

Pronunciation: shoog-er-pluhm.
Meaning: A small round candy made of sugar with various flavouring and colouring ingredients; a bonbon.
Origin: Sugarplum is a transparent compound of the nouns sugar and plum. The sugar in a sugarplum is the ordinary kind used in cooking and confectionery, but plum here refers to the plum-like size (small) and shape (round or roundish) of the hardened mass of sugar. In fact, in the second half of the 17th century, sugarplum was synonymous with comfit, a candy with a kernel of nut or fruit.

Sugarplums have long been associated with Christmas, as in Clement Clarke Moore's A Visit from St. Nicholas (perhaps more commonly known as 'Twas the Night Before Christmas), first published in 1823, "The children were nestled all snug in their beds, / While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads." Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet, The Nutcracker (1892), is set on Christmas Eve, and one of its main characters is the Sugarplum Fairy. The American journalist and poet Eugene Field (1850-95) is not much read today, but he is still famous for his children's poems, such as Wynken, Blynken and Nod and The Duel (better known as The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat). Fields also wrote the lullaby The Sugar-Plum Tree. Sugarplum entered English in the second half of the 17th century.

THE ODD WORD

Salempore

Broad white or blue cotton fabric.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Son of a gun

Meaning: A 'son of a gun' can simply refer to a person. Sometimes this phrase might describe a person who is behaving poorly.
Origin: The origin of this phrase is not clear. However, there are theories that talk about where it may have come from. For example, this expression may originate from British Navy ships, where pregnant women onboard the ship gave birth near the broadside guns. Since these babies were born near the guns of the ship, they were 'sons of guns,' or something like that. In his book from 1867, The Sailor's Word-Book, William Henry Smyth wrote concerning this phrase: "An epithet conveying contempt in a slight degree, and originally applied to boys born afloat, when women were permitted to accompany their husbands at sea; one admiral declared he literally was thus cradled, under the breast of a gun-carriage."

QUOTE BOX

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all. **— Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Blurt out.

SUDOKU

1				4				8
	2	3				4	7	
			1		7			
	8		6		1		4	
		2		9		3		
	6		2		4		8	
			5		8			
	5	8				6	3	
7				2				9

Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	7	9	4	5	8	6	3
6	3	5	1	8	7	2	4	9
4	9	8	2	6	3	7	5	1
3	8	2	4	1	8	5	9	7
5	7	4	3	9	2	1	8	6
1	8	9	5	7	6	4	3	2
7	2	6	8	5	9	3	1	4
8	4	3	6	2	1	9	7	5
9	5	1	7	3	4	6	2	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Little devil
4 Girl's name
7 Indian Administrative Service, in short
10 Very High Frequency
11 Search for extraterrestrial intelligence, acronym?
13 Boss of a shield
14 Sang like a Swiss Highlander might?
16 Outdistance
17 Makes slow or late
19 Free musical composition
21 Psychic power
24 Greek jug - "pole" broken?
25 Distinctive quality
27 Cruise or float or move smoothly
29 Great lake of N America
30 The principal island of the British Virgin Islands
33 Commercial Off-The-Shelf
34 Skill applied to painting, for instance
35 Hidden dangers, booby traps
38 Kiwi left-arm spinner Daniel __
39 South Africa's Hashim ____
42 Inflexible quality
46 Exodus author __ Uris
47 Units of work
48 Female ruff
49 Type of tree
50 Seeing organ
51 A busy insect

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	G	E			B	B	C		A	E	E	C
N	Y	C			E	L	O		N	I	N	A
U	P	S	T	R	E	A	M		D	R	I	P
		T	R	A	N	S	P	I	R	E	D	
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	P	E	C	C	A	D	I	L	L	O		
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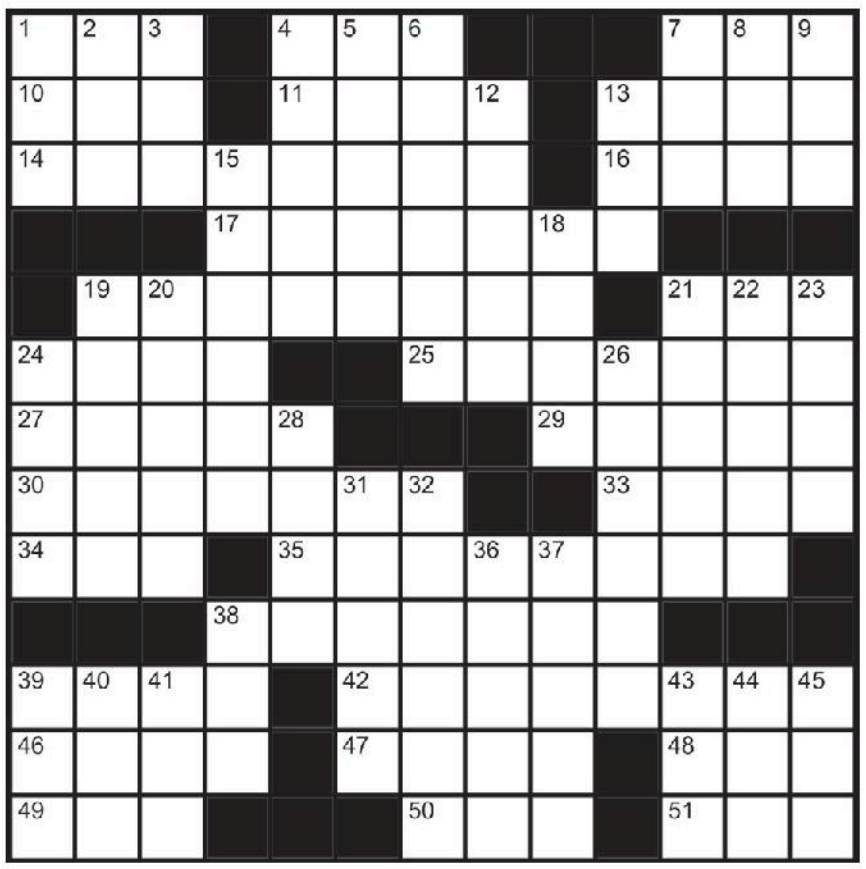
A	M	E	R		S	O	L			E	X	O
V	E	N	T		E	S	S			N	E	W

DOWN

1 A climbing vine
2 Electrical conductance unit
3 Primary Flight Display
4 A little island
5 Alluvial deposit
6 Military command (2,4)
7 Integrated Modular Avionics
8 Stomach muscles
9 Distress signal in Morse code
12 King of Libya from 1950 to 1969
13 Bull periods
15 Man who sounds very sincere!
18 Rush
19 Levelled area
20 Aside from others
21 Join or enlist
22 Caledonians
23 Female swans
24 Eight as a prefix
26 Greek geometrician
28 Small European shark - "poet" anagram?
31 1,000 ccs.
32 Formal clothes
36 Obscure, confused
37 Get up or ascend
38 Goods vehicle
39 Type of beer
40 Melvin's pet name?
41 Sellers's Pink Panther sidekick Herbert ___
43 Irish Rep. Army
44 Decimal base
45 Up to now



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QX HIMZ QX LIY WTFPCT PMMTF RTHU QMW

DIENIFB NFIE QMLBRPMZ, GTTU PB.

TODAY'S CLUE: Z EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When people talk, listen completely. Most people never listen.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 27)

- **Gruha Shobhe:** International Living Style Exhibition, special attraction - Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Dasara Exhibition Ground, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari - Mysuru Branch:** Gita Jayanti and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, *Viveka Sinchana* - Cultural competitions for School and College students in different categories, *Devaranama* recital, Kendra premises, 'Meru,' 1st Main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Karavali Yakshagana Kendra, Mysuru and Karnataka Yakshagana Academy, Bengaluru:** Inauguration of Yakshagana Dance Classes by Akashvani Mysuru Programme Executive and Yakshagana Academy Member Diwakar Hegde, Kendra President K. Krishnakumaracharya presides, Sri Krishna Dhama, Sahukar Chennaiah Road, Saraswathipuram, **4 pm.**
- **Hoysala Kannada Sangha and Savigannada Patrika Balaga:** State-level Hoysala Awards presentation by retired DRDO Officer K. Jayaprakash Rao, Sri Ilai Alwar Swamiji graces the occasion, D. Devaraja Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya inaugurates, Agricultural scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura releases the 18th anniversary special issue of *Savigannada Patrike*, Sangha President Maddikere Gopal presides, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Nrityakala Parishat, Mysuru:** 29th Nrutyotsava in memory of Natyacharya M. Vishnudas, senior dancers of Mysuru will inaugurate, Bharatanatyam by Guru Vidu. Nethra and troupe of Manuvidya Cultural Foundation, Mysuru, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Stage Programme - MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev chief guest, felicitation to District Rajyotsava Awardee Guru Vidu. Nayana Rai, Nrityagiri Performing Arts Centre Director Guru Vidu. Kripa Phadke presides, **7 pm;** Bharatanatyam by students of Nrityagiri Performing Arts Centre, **7.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Vipra Jagruti Vedike:** 2021 calendar release, Avani Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Vidyaranyapuram, **6 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Weekend Show, staging of play 'Chirebandi Vade' (Directed by Pramila Bengre), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

  Natana School of Theatre Arts: Staging of play *Andha Yuga* (written by Dharamvir Bharati, directed by Mandya Ramesh), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 20th Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, Music Programme - recital of Bhaktigeete, Bhavageete, Sugama Sangeeta by A. Kantharaju and troupe, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923

Shakeela (K)	2 Shows - 10.30 am, 1.30 pm
Vanguard (E)	2 Shows - 4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199

Shakeela (H)	3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-1)	1.10 pm, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 6.50 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.30 pm; (S-2) 11.10 am
	(S-3)	4.00 pm; (S-4) 1.45 pm
Bow Bow (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-3)	11.15 am, 6.30 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Murder (Te)	(S-3)	8.40 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-4)	4.15 pm

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-4)	10.00 am
	(S-1)	10.45 am, 2.15 pm
		5.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.10 pm
		7.00 pm
Vanguard (E)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Avanalli Ivalilli (K)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Shakeela (H)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Steinmann brace helps SC East Bengal earn a point against Chennaiyin FC

SC East Bengal players try to score from a corner kick.

Vasco, Dec. 27- Chennaiyin FC were held to a 2-2 draw by a spirited SC East Bengal side in Match 39 of Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) 2020-21 at the Tilak Maidan Stadium in Vasco yesterday.

SC East Bengal midfielder Matti Steinmann scored twice to help his side to the draw after the Marina Machans took the lead twice courtesy of goals from Lallianzuala Chhangte and Rahim Ali.

Steinmann scored two equalising goals for SC East Bengal as they secured a 2-2 draw against Chennaiyin FC. The 25-year-old midfielder created two goal-scoring chances as well and scored with both his shots on target. Defensively, he had two successful tackles and three blocks on the night.

Hero of the Match: Matti Steinmann (East Bengal); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Jakub Sylvestr (Chennaiyin FC).

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 28)

- **Sri Panchamukhi Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Irwin Road:** 20th Hanuma Jayanti Mahotsava, special puja and decoration, Temple premises, **9 am.**
- **V-CARE, Hootagalli:** One-day workshop on 'Protection of Children Rights - Mothers' Responsibility,' Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Member Chandrika Suresh inaugurates, Industrialist Shisha Puranik chief guest, V-CARE Founder-President Dr. Kumudini Achichi will be present, Resource Persons - Odanadi Director K.V. Stanley, RLHP Director Saraswathi and Advocate Shobha Gowda (Srirangapatna), V-CARE premises, **10.30 am to 3.30 pm.**
- **Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari - Mysuru Branch:** Gita Jayanti and Swami Vivekananda Jayanti celebrations, *Viveka Sinchana* - Cultural competitions for School and College students in different categories, Rangoli and Drawing, Kendra premises, 'Meru,' 1st Main, Pampapati Road, Jayanagar, **4 pm.**
- **Desiranga - Samskrutika Samsthe:** Book release — B.S. Dinamani's 'Mounakavya' and 'Chadurida Chintanegalu' — by Prof. R. Indira of University of Mysore, thinker Kalegowda Nagawara presides, cultural thinker N. Divakar and Prof. Mysore Krishnamurthy of Maharani Commerce and Management College will speak about the books, Rangayana Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and D.N. Lokappa of Samvahana Prakashana chief guests, Sriranga auditorium, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru:** Vasundharotsava-2020, the 34th edition of national festival of classical dance and music, Rangayana Director Addanda C. Cariappa inaugurates, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. M.J. Swamy chief guest, Art Patron and VPAC President K.V. Murthy presides, **5.30 pm;** 'Chiguru Sanje' - Bharatantyam by tiny tots — Jeevitha - Disciple of Vidu. Premita Govind; Charvi Kashyap - Disciple of Vidu. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan; Gowri B. Rajendra - Disciple of Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy; R. Nandana and K.S. Aditi - Disciple of Vidu. Varija Nalige; Ksithi Thakkar - Disciple of Vidu. Sujay Shanbhag, Hubballi — Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mahavidyapeetha - Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment:** 'Jnana Varidhi-4' Digital Lecture Programme, Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Prabhu Channabasava Swamy of Sri Motagi Mutt (Athani) speaks on 'Values of life,' **6 pm.** [YouTube: *http://Youtube.com/c/JSSMahavidyapeethaonline;* Facebook: *https://www.facebook.com/JSSMVP or http://jssonline.org]*

Hero INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Dec. 27)

KERALA BLASTERS
Vs
HYDERABAD
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Dec. 28)

BENGALURU FC
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Fatorda Stadium,
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